

POLICY

It is the policy of the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) that consent for medical treatment of youth is obtained prior to treatment.

PURPOSE

This policy ensures documentation of appropriate consent for a youth's medical treatment.

DEFINITIONS

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

**RESPONSIBLE
STAFF**

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

PROCEDURE

Each facility is required to develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) relative to consent for medical treatment. At a minimum, these SOPs must contain the following requirements:

**Facility/Center
Director or
Designee
Responsibility**

The facility/center director or designee is the youth's guardian delegate while the youth is under the jurisdiction of the DHS and must:

- Provide consent for routine nonsurgical medical care.
- Authorize emergency medical and surgical treatment and medically necessary orthodontic services.
- Ensure the responsibility of signing consent forms for non-surgical medical care, emergency medical care, and surgical treatment is delegated in writing when the facility/center director or designee is unavailable.

Parental Consent

A youth's parent or legal guardian's consent precedes non-emergency, elective surgery unless the youth is eighteen (18) years of age or older and signs a consent form.

AUTHORITY

Child Care Organizations Act, MCL 722.124a

Youth Rehabilitation Services Act, MCL 803.303